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1. There is a coal mine about five kilometers from Boljevac, along the Zajecar-Paracin Railroad. This mine presently employs approximately eight hundred workers. Before the war this mine was owned by the Savic family of Zajecar, and it employed about 2,000 workers. The coal is of medium quality and is used mostly by the Yugoslav state railroad.
2. In Lenovac there is a lignite coal mine which employs approximately three hundred workers. Daily production of the mine is 100 to 120 tons of lignite coal. This mine was operated before the war, and it appears that its present production is higher than pre-war. The coal is transported by narrow gauge railroad to the village of Griska Reka, where further shipments are made. The workers are paid 80 to 100 dinars per day. They are assigned or sent to work at this mine by Communist authorities and, in many instances, are brought to the mines by Militia.
3. The Dobra Sreca coal mine in Vlasko Polje is a reactivated coal mine which ceased operation before the war. It employs approximately three hundred workers. The coal is mined by a system of mining wells, although galleries are to be constructed soon. Recently 20 buildings, approximately twenty meters by ten meters, were constructed for workers' quarters and administration offices of the mine. The coal is of good quality, and it is being transported daily by trucks to Knjazevac.
4. The Rtanj coal mines were damaged during the war by the Communists. The present regime repaired the installations, but only part of the pre-war mines are operating at present. These mines employ approximately four hundred workers. Before the war the mines were the property of the Minh brothers, and employed approximately two thousand five hundred workers.

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